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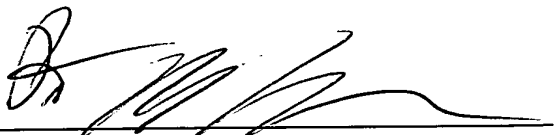
REMARKS

Claims 3, 5, 7, 8, 14, 15, 27, 29, and 30 are pending in this application. Claims 3, 5, 7, and 8 have been allowed, and claims 14, 15, 27, 29, and 30 have been rejected.

In order to expedite prosecution, applicants have requested that claims 14, 15, 27, 29, and 30 be cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

Since only allowable claims are pending, applicants respectfully submit that this case is in condition for allowance, and request that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowance.

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